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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: BULGARIAN PRESS REACTION TO NATO  
MANEUVERS NOTIFICATIONS

1. IN COMMENTARY FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF UPCOMING  
NATO MANEUVERS FROM TASS (DATELINED BONN, AUGUST 23),  
BCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE ORGAN "RABOTNICHESKO DELO"  
OF AUGUST 24 SHARPLY ATTACKED FACT THAT NATO MANEUVERS  
BEING HELD.

2. COMMENTARY CALLED "LARGEST MANEUVERS IN HISTORY OF  
NATO" "AN ALARM," AND A DEVELOPMENT WHICH, COMING  
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ONE YEAR AFTER HELSINKI, CONTRADICTS "THE POSITIVE

TRENDS OF RECENT YEARS IN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE OF  
EUROPE AND THE WORLD."

3. COMMENTARY THEN LINKED NOTIFICATION OF MANEUVERS  
TO RECENT PRESS INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL HAIG ON STATE  
OF PREPAREDNESS OF NATO, DESCRIBING HIS REMARKS AND  
NATO MANEUVERS AS BOTH BEING "STRAIGHT OUT OF THE  
DAYS OF THE COLD WAR, SHOWING THAT THEY ARE NOT YET  
DHTINCT WITHIN STRATEGY OF NATO GENERALS."

4. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT NATO'S PRESENT APPROACH  
IS "AN ANACHRONISM IN OUR TIMES AND A CONTRADICTION  
TO THE STRIVINGS OF PEOPLE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND  
SECURITY." COMMENTARY MADE NO MENTION OF WP MANEUVERS  
IN POLAND OR JUNE MANEUVERS  
IN USSR.  
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